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Dear Sir:

Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-captioned case the following information and references that may be relevant to the examination of the above-captioned patent application.

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	<u>PATENT NO.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>
(1)	JP, 10-112740	04/28/98	Japan
(2)	JP, 2-186743	07/23/90	Japan
(3)	JP, 7-273762	10/20/95	Japan

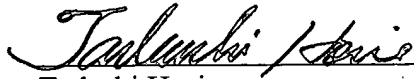
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(7)	JP, 9-289679	11/4/97	Japan
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(9)	JP, 4-102152	04/3/92	Japan
(10)	JP, 8-249255	09/27/96	Japan

Above prior art references (1)-(10) were cited in the PCT Search Report for PCT

Application No. PCT/JP99/06333, based on which the present application was filed, and in a Japanese Office Action issued to a counterpart Japanese application. The above references are all in Japanese. Applicants are submitting a translation for each of the above references (2)-(10). For prior art reference (1), Applicants are submitting counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,907,676. For the Examiner's reference, above prior art references (1)-(5) were cited in the PCT Search Report. Above prior art references (2) and (5)-(10) were cited in the Japanese Office Action.

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